



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

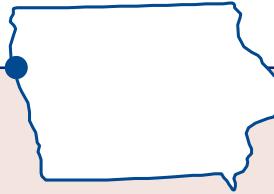
Sioux City, IA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Sioux City was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. The population of Sioux City is 85,013. The target area is the Combined Floyd River Urban Renewal Area, which includes the former Sioux City Stockyards and is bordered by the Missouri and Floyd Rivers. The area was historically used for manufacturing in the north and for agricultural-related business in the south, with residential areas in close proximity. There are 27 chemical spill sites, 49 hazardous waste generators, 11 toxic release inventory sites, one solid waste processing facility, 40 leaking underground storage tanks, one active and three inactive Superfund sites, and 28 air emissions contaminant sources within this area. Until the 1960s, the area was located in a floodplain. Floods led to the



Assessment Grants



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Sioux City for two brownfields assessment grants. Grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II site assessments, and plan redevelopment and cleanup activities at sites contaminated by hazardous substances or petroleum. Many industries, including auto salvage yards, dry cleaners, landfills, and railroad facilities, have impacted the target area with heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, PCBs, and pesticides. Funds also will be used to perform community outreach activities in the Combined Floyd River Urban Renewal Area.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

deterioration of the housing market and the relocation of businesses. The target area population has a lower per capita income, a higher unemployment rate, a higher housing vacancy rate, and a higher percentage of minorities than the city or the state as a whole. Brownfields redevelopment will create jobs and greenspace, reduce the risk of residents' exposure to environmental contaminants, put properties back on the tax rolls, and increase property values.